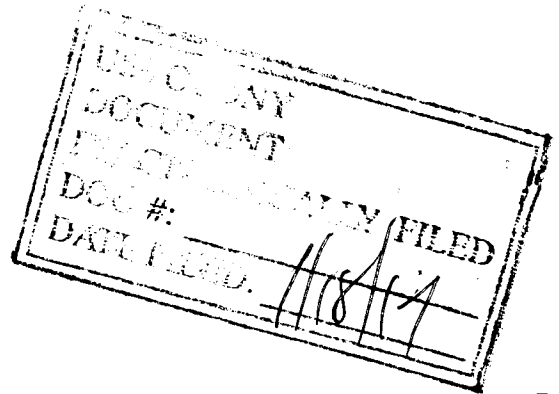


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Leontiev v. Varshavsky, No. 1:16-cv-03595 (JSR)
Request for Leave to Withdraw as Counsel

Dear Judge Rakoff:

Please be advised that, as of January 14, 2017, I will no longer be employed by the law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, counsel for the defendant in the above-captioned matter. I hereby respectfully request the Court's leave to withdraw as counsel of record in this matter, and request that the Court direct the clerk to remove my name from the court's docket and ECF electronic mailing distribution list.


Debevoise & Plimpton LLP and all Debevoise attorneys who have appeared in this matter will remain as counsel to the defendant.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Peter S. Ross

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SO ORDERED

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